(b) what are the projects aided by the Central Government during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) In the light of the Government Resolution of National Sports Policy, 1984, the Central Government have, in cooperation with the State Government of Karnataka, set up recently a Sports Hostel at Bangalore. The scheme of setting up of 'Sports Hostels' is a new Central Scheme included in the VII Five Year Plan and more projects are proposed to be taken up later. Some States have, on their own, also established Sports Colleges, Schools and Hostels. Facts in this regard are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

(b) While no projects of sports colleges, schools and hostels as such have been aided by the Central Government during the last two years, the Sports Authority of India, from out of funds made available by Central Government, provided financial assistance in 1985-86 to eleven schools in the country with a view to adopting them for promotion of sports.

Private Railway Lines

1231. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT pleased to state:

(b) whether any railway lines in India are still owned by private companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal for the take-over of those private owned lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following 3 Railway Lines, owned by Private Companies, are worked by contiguous Indian Government Railways:

	Name of the Railway	Owned by	Managing Agents	Worked by
1.	Central Provinces Railway	Central Provinces Railway Co. Ltd	M/s Killick Nixon Industries Ltd.	Central Railway
2.	Bankura Damodar River Railway	Bankura Damodar River Railway Co. Ltd.	M/s Mc Leod and Co. Ltd.	South Eastern Railway
3.	Ahmadpur Katwa Railway	Ahmadpur Katwa Railway Co. Ltd.	M/s Mc Leod and Co. Ltd.	Eastern Railway

(c) No, Sir. Not at present.

Marketing of Electral

1232. DR. JOSEPH LEON D'SOUZA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electral has been cleared for marketing and is not based on sepecification of World Health Organisation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this product was tested and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that the product was cleared on the basis of clinical trials;

(e) if so, the names of the investigations along with institutions where such trials were conducted; and

(f) what was the report of each investigators?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) It is not mandatory to exactly adhere to the World Health Organisation formula since the composition of Oral rehydration-salt such as 'Electral. may require change in terms of electrodiarrhoea and as per local needs. This is lytes content depending on the severity of done in consultation with experts.

(c) to (f) since oral rehydration salt is not a new drug and has been in use for many years, clinical trials with electral was not considered necessary.

Proxivon—an irrational combination of drugs

1233. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Proxivon has an irrational combination of drugs:

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government did not clear this drug;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such a combination is not being marketed elewhere in the world; and

(d) if the reply to parts (a). (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for not withdrawing this products from circulation when the composition is harmful, dangerous and induces deaths and what action has been taken against that authority?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The drug Proxivon, which is a combination of dextroproxyphene, paracetamol and diazepam was licensed many years ago by the State Drug Control Authorities. The question of its rationality in the light of the current knowledge would be reviewed by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, a statutory body under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act. We have no information whether such a combination is not marketed elsewhere in the world.

Expenditure incurred by Air India on advertisements to controvert a report in 'India Today'

1234. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI R. RAMAKRISHNAN:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the magazine 'India Today' of March 31. 1986 under the caption 'Double Dealing';

(b) whether it is a fact that to controvert the above report Air India published advertisements in a number of newspapers. if so. what was the total expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) whether Government have made any enquiry into the matter, if so, what are the findings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. Sir. the expenditure incurred by Air India on the advertisement was Rs. 77,880/-.

(c) A preliminary enquiry into the matter has revealed nothing adverse.

Piracy of music cassettes

1235. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale piracy of music cassettes in the country has been going on and